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In re Application of:

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For: **NOVEL PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION FORM COMPRISING AN ACID-LABILE ACTIVE COMPOUND**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 13-15 and 20 as per attached with this preliminary amendment. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claims amendments.